

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss this application in a telephonic interview on November 18, 2004. After discussing various proposed claim amendments, Applicants' counsel agreed to add language to claims 8 and 21 relating to the slit and the hole, as recited in the allowable dependent claims. As such, by this paper claims 8 and 21 have been amended to include certain language that is quoted from allowable dependent claims 24 and 26. Consequently, claims 8 and 21 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims is now requested.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 801-321-8930.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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